

**United States Government**  
**2005 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)**  
**LAOS**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
Lao Economic Acceleration Program for the Silk Sector (LEAPSS)	The goal of the project is to assist existing enterprises and micro-enterprises engaged in the production, processing and marketing of silk in Laos increase their volume and profitability. In addition, new private silk sector enterprises and micro-enterprises are established, placed on a growth trajectory and made profitable. There are five intermediate results: (1) strengthened institutional capacity of local and national authorities to support private silk sector activities (2) better access to local and international silk and handicraft markets for silk producers, (3) enhanced coordination and cooperation among silk production groups (farmer groups), (4) increased role of women as decision makers at all levels of the silk sector, and (5) improved quality and yield of cocoons and silk yarn produced by farmers. The Project supports five major areas in the Lao silk sector: (1) mulberry cultivation, (2) silkworm rearing, (3) silk processing and dyeing (4) weaving and (5) marketing. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	Export Promotion	50,000
		Business Services & Training	50,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	350,000
		Other Services Development	50,000
		Activity Total	500,000
Total FY 05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Laos			500,000